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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98,

Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 5,477,554 to YOSHII et al., issued on December 19, 1995;

U.S. Patent No. 5,748,352 to HATTORI, issued on May 5, 1998;

U.S. Patent No. 5,838,502 to PARK et al., issued on November 17, 1998;

U.S. Patent No. 5,859,720 to ISHIBE, issued on January 12, 1999;

U.S. Patent No. 5,903,536 to LEE et al., issued on May 11, 1999;

U.S. Patent No. 5,986,993 to YOO et al., issued on November 16, 1999; and

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 9-80333, published on March 28, 1997, together with an English language translation of the same. Applicants note that this document is discussed on page 2 of the specification of the instant application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents and enclosed translation. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent applications:

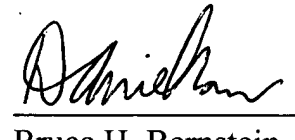
U.S. Patent Application No. 10/652,033, entitled "Scanning Optical System", filed on September 2, 2003; and

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/721,908, entitled "Scanning Optical System", filed on November 26, 2003.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-mentioned applications are attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrappers of these U.S. patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

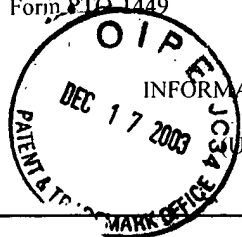
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	5 4 7 7 5 5 4	12/19/95	YOSHII et al.			
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES NO
9 - 8 0 3 3 3	03/28/97	JAPAN			X

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